



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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House Bill 6676 - An Act Concerning Licensure of Clinical Social Workers

The Department of Public Health opposes House Bill 6676.

- House Bill 6676 would require the Department of Public Health to establish a new licensing program for licensed master social workers.
- Development and implementation of a new licensing program would have **significant fiscal impact** on the Department, as it could not be accomplished within existing resources.
- The Department does not support the bill at this time, as the Governor's budget does not provide resources for this purpose.
- In this time of scarce resources, particular attention should be given to the fiscal impact of new regulatory programs. The Department urges the Committee to make those resources available to other public health programs most immediately critical to the well being of our state's citizens.
- Should this proposal move forward, the Department respectfully requests the opportunity to work with the Committee to address additional concerns regarding the proposed language.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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